



# Newsletter

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1 March 2013

Dear Parents

Welcome back after half term. We hope the sunshine arrives soon!

### *Thought for the week*

As we continue our Lenten journey, the children have an opportunity in Years 4, 5 and 6 to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



We pray that we may all continue to be forgiving of each other as Our Father forgives us.

Almighty God, You have listened patiently to my concerns and consoled me in times of hardship.

Let me remember Your presence and love for me when I am called upon to forgive another person for an unkind word or action.

You have shown me how to act, what to say, what to do, and yet I sometimes react in anger and find it difficult to forgive others as You so often have forgiven me.

## **Dates for your diaries !**

### March

- 5 RK Library visit - am  
Netball tournament - pm
- 7 World Book Day - children to dress up  
Discover at St Francis - storytelling for Nursery & Reception - am  
KS1 "sleepover" 5pm - 7pm  
KS2 "sleepover" 6pm - 7.30pm
- 8 RH Library visit - am
- 9 Yr 2 West Ham Park
- 13 School Photographs  
4R Viewtube visit - am
- 14 4I Viewtube visit - am  
Yr 5 Mersea Island visit
- 15 Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Royal Albert Hall - 11am - 5pm
- 27 Stations of the Cross assembly

### *Highlights*

Our children continue to enjoy reading and recording their progress as part of the national competition.



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## Community News

### Green Pastures Youth Group

The Green Pastures Youth Group aims to provide a safe environment for children (aged 8-12) to develop new friendships and grow in their faith, through an interactive programme which will include puzzles, games, singing, quizzes and role play. The Leaders will mentor and support children as they develop spiritually.

Please come along to an introductory meeting on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 11.30am for parents and children in the Church Hall to find out more.



The children of St Francis' School and their families are invited to gather near the grotto in the church car park at 10am on Palm Sunday, March 24.

We will lead the parishioners into the church for 10.15 Mass. Why not bring a branch to wave for the King?



## Reminders

### Parking

Thank you for not parking on the zig-zag lines. Please do take care to park legally and not block junctions.



### Phone Bullying

From time to time children say they have received hurtful messages by text. This is a form of bullying and we take these matters very seriously.



Children are sometimes reluctant to tell adults so it is important that parents check their child's phone for any unkind messages. Please do contact the school if this or any other type of bullying happens.

